TRAVANCORE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

SECOND COUNCIL.

SECOND SESSION, 1102.

(OFFICIAL REPORT.)

Friday, the 5th August, 1927/23rd Karkatakam, 1102.

The Council met in the Victoria Jubilee Town Hall, Trivandrum, at eleven thirty of the clock, M. E. Watts Esquire, B. A., Barrister-at-law, Dewan, presiding. All except the following members were present:—Mr. K. C. Mammen Mappillai and Mr. N. V. Joseph.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Prosecution of Newspapers during the last 30 years.

57. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there have been any cases during the last thirty years in which newspapers have been prosecuted in Travancore; and

(*b*) if so, the percentage of conviction?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) There have been cases of prosecution of newspapers during the last 30 years.

(*b*) 11·5 per cent.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know what is the total number of newspaper prosecutions within the period referred to in my question?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): 25.

Declaring the anniversary of His Highness the Late Maha Raja's Birthday a Public Holiday.

58. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether a deputation appointed at a public meeting waited on the Dewan and requested the Government to declare the anniversary of the birthday of the late Sri Mulam Tirunal Maha Raja, of revered memory, a holiday, and, if so, the date on which the deputation interviewed the Dewan and the reply given by him; and

(*b*) whether any orders have been passed on that matter?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes; 4th November 1925. The reply then given was that the question would be duly considered.

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